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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of |) | |
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| . Kumar et al. |) Art Unit: 1637 | |
| Application No. 10/072,666 |) Examiner: Suryaprabha Chundu | ıru |
| Filing Date: February 8, 2002 |) Confirmation No. 3290 | |
| For: DETECTION METHOD USING |) | |
| DISSOCIATED ROLLING |) | |
| CIRCLE AMPLIFICATION |) | |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C. Customer Number 23859

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 8, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

Remarks

Claims 1-138 are pending. Claims 137 and 138 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Response to Restriction Requirement

1. In the Office Action mailed May 8, 2003, the claims were divided into two groups, Group I, claims 1-136, drawn to a method of detecting analytes; and Group II, claims 137 and 138, drawn to a kit. A provisional election of the claims of Group I was made in a telephone